

REMARKS

I. General

This Response merely puts Applicants alleged non-compliant communications of October 4, 2004 and October 6, 2004 in form compliant with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121 and § 1.78(b). Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application in light of the above amendments and following remarks.

II. Support for Amendments

A. Specification

The specification is amended as requested by the Examiner. Accordingly, Applicants believe that each trademark found in the application is capitalized and accompanied by the generic terminology, when applicable. These amendments do not constitute new matter and do not limit the scope or spirit of the invention described by the pending claims.

B. Title

For the reason of record, Applicants provide the amended Title of the invention in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121. The amendment to the Title does not constitute new matter. The amendment does not limit the scope or spirit of the invention, which is described by the pending claims.

III. Provisional Non-Statutory Double Patenting

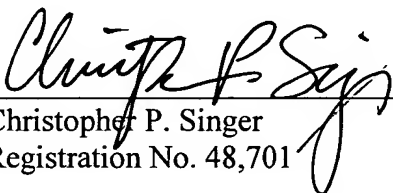
Applicants acknowledge the provisional double patenting rejection of Claims 1-6 and 9-23 in view of claims 1-3 and 7-20 of U.S. Patent Application No: 10/076631, and claims 1-3 and 7-20 of U.S. Patent Application No: 10/076632, all of which are commonly owned. Once the Office determines that the subject matter of these alleged conflicting claims are allowable, Applicants will consider filing a terminal disclaimer to obviate this provisional basis of rejection, or will consider amending the alleged conflicting claims that remain in the pending application(s).

V. Conclusion

In light of all the above, Applicants believe that the application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that a telephone or personal interview would expedite prosecution of the instant application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at (312) 913-3336.

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